

Phila., Feb. 21, 1853.

Dear Garrison:

24 The Ex. Com. of the Pa. So-
ciety has just adopted a letter to the Ex.
Com. of the Am. A. S. Society, offering,
on certain conditions, to relinquish their
claims to my services with a view
to my transfer to New York. I do not
know that your Committee, on fur-
ther reflection, will think it wise to
adopt such a plan - though Mr.
Gay said last week, while here,
that if our Committee yielded their
assent, yours would, without doubt,
make propositions to me. It is
not for me to anticipate your action;
still less ^{am} ~~shall~~ I prepared to say
what answer I should make to

the proposition if it were before me. But I want to say to you, privately, that these are some reasons, important at least to myself, which lead me to hope that whatever ^{is to be} done will be done quickly. I have under consideration plans for the restoration of my health, which I am sorry to say is very poor at present, and they must remain undecided till I know what is to come of the proposition submitted by Mr. Gay. Our Committee, too, are anxious to know your decision at as early a day as possible.

The thought of moving from Philadelphia, where I am so pleasantly situated, and, I may add, where I had hoped to remain permanently, is in many respects extremely unpleasant to me; but if it is made clear to me that I can better subserve our cause at another post, I shall endeavor to overcome my reluctance. But that is not clear as yet to my mind.

Mary Anne joins me in hearty love to you and your dear Helen, as well as to the children.

Faithfully, fraternally,
(over) Yours, &c.
Oliver Johnson

P. S. Please hand the en-
closed stamps to friend
Wallcut in payment of
a claim he has against
me. C. J.

C. J. Philadelphia, Feb. 21,
1863.